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APPLICANTS: Anne-Marie BOUCKAERT et al. CONF NO.: 7220
APPLN. NO.: 09/512,882 GROUP: 1655
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FOR: METHODS OF ISOLATING AND/OR IDENTIFYING RELATED PLANT
SEQUENCES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 13, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 32 and 33.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for isolating from a target plant species a target polynucleotide encoding a target polypeptide comprising a conserved region exhibiting at least 70% sequence